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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed September 27, 2005, the Examiner contends that Applicant claims two distinct inventions; namely, Group I (claims 1-20) drawn to methods, classified in class 228, subclasses 207 and 223, and Group II (claims 21-30) drawn to a system, classified in class 228, subclass 33. Thus, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, the Examiner requires Applicant to restrict the application to one of the alleged two inventions.

In compliance with 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-20).

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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